— For construction of women's hostel, the Commission provides 100% assistance as against 75% for boys' hostels.

There are three Women's Universities and two Deemed Universities exclusively for women in the country. The Commission provided grants amounting to Rs. 2.85 crores during the Seventh Plan for the development of these Universities.

History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture

*378. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Council of Philosophical Research has undertaken a comprehensive research project on inter-disciplinary study of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture;

(b) if so, the objectives, dimension, methodology, issues to be dealt with, work-plan and time schedule of activities of the project;

(c) whether an overview volume in this regard is planned;

(d) if so, the outline thereof; and

(e) the action plan in this regard, especially in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), the Council is the nodal agency for a research project on "The Study of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture". The main objective of the project is to undertake a comprehensive and inter-disciplinary study of scientific, Philosophical and cultural heritage of Indian Civilization. A Preparatory Committee consisting of eminent scholars has been constituted for the detailed planning and implementation of the project. Ten Volumes co-vering a variety of subjects like geography, mathematics, astronomy, physical sciences, life sciences, medical sciences, industry, agriculture and social and political institutions of India, are expected to be published under project which is likely to take 7 to 9 years for completion. The Committee has started preparation of an "Overview Volume" which would lay down detailed outlines, selected topics and broad methodology to be followed for preparation of the individual volumes. The Overview Volume is proposed to be completed by 1994

Summer Palace of Tipu Sultan

*379. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Daria Doulat Sumer Palace of Tipu Sultan near Bangalore requires proper upkeep and maintenance;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the additional facilities proposed to be provided for the tourists at site?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The moument is in a good state of preservation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Amenities like supply of drinking

water and public conveniences are already available at the monument.

[*Translation*]

Pre-School Child Education

*380. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission had prepared for Doordarshan in 1987 a project on pre-school child education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the said project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the Commission has provided financial assistance for preparing a Television Programme consisting of 13 episodes for pre-school children. These episodes are expected to sensitize pre-schoolers to learning of alphabets, numbers, health care, sanitation, nutrition, geometric shapes and such like through the medium of songs, animation, puppetry and origami. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has agreed, in principle, to telecast the Programme as soon as the time slot is available.

[*English*]

Saline Land

*381. DR KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of saline land in the country; State-wise; and

(b) the details of the target set and funds allocated for development of Saline land during the Seventh Plan along with achievements made State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Statewise estimates of saline lands available are given here under:

Sl. No.	*State/Union Territory*	*Area* (in million hectares)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.18
2.	Gujarat	0.10
3.	Haryana	0.08
4.	Karnataka	0.33
5.	Kerala	0.12
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.08